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DEPARTMENT FOR WHA/CAR SEARBY, L/LEI FOR TAYLOR AND MUELLER; DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR CRIM/OIA MAZUREK AND ORJALES; US MARSHAL SERVICE PLEASE PASS TO CHRIS DUDLEY; DEA FOR OF,OFI,DO,DCO

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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN FUGITIVE PORFIRIO HERNANDEZ WAIVES
EXTRADITION RIGHTS, RETURNS TO U.S.

- ¶1. On January 13, 2005, U.S. Marshals returned Porfirio Hernandez to the United States for trial in the Southern District of New York based on federal indictment number 02-CR-1270, charging conspiracy to defraud the United States, bank fraud, and aiding and abetting bank fraud.
- 12. Following a May 24, 2004, U.S. extradition request and the subsequent issuance of a Dominican arrest warrant, Hernandez was apprehended on January 9. 2006, by agents of the Dominican National Directorate for Drug Control's Fugitive Unit. Hernandez subsequently made a free, knowing, and voluntary waiver of further local proceedings before the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court. His decision to freely submit to U.S. extradition was evidenced by a witnessed, notarized affidavit.
- 13. Hernandez is the 1st fugitive extradited to the United States during calendar year 2006 and the 11th to be extradited during FY-2006.